

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace paragraph no. 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Concrete examples of ionic liquids containing dicyanamide anions are 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium dicyanamide, N-butylpyridinium dicyanamide, N-ethyl-N-methyl pyrrolidiniumpyridinium dicyanamide, N-propyl-N-methyl pyrrolidiniumpyridinium dicyanamide, N-butyl-N-methyl pyrrolidiniumpyridinium dicyanamide, N-hexyl-N-methyl pyrrolidiniumpyridinium dicyanamide, N-pentyl-N, N, N-triethyl ammonium dicyanamide, N-hexyl-N, N, N-triethyl ammonium dicyanamide, N-pentyl-N, N, N-tributyl ammonium dicyanamide, or the like.